

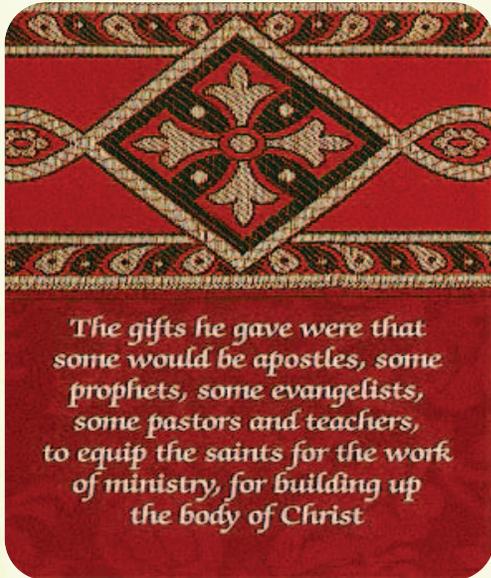


THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

"Knowing the love of Christ together with all the saints." - Eph. 3:18-19

Week Ending, May 30th, 2015



Upcoming Events- Lord willing!

Prepare for Worship!: We encourage you to spend time in prayer each Saturday evening, preparing your hearts and praying for the worship of our God. Our KCPC weekly newsletter *The Shepherd's Voice* can be a helpful guide for your time of prayer.

Adult Sunday School: Continuing this Lord's Day, the pastor and elders will be teaching on *The Triune God*; this week: **The Truth of God**. **Goal of class:** To help us to read our Bibles with a better understanding of each Person of the Triune God, and to have communion with each person in worship and prayer.

New Members! We are thankful to receive **Dr.**

Mike and Mary Kucks into membership at KCPC during the morning worship service on this **Lord's Day, May 31st**.

Women's Bible Study: The study meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7pm. All women are welcome to attend.

GIVE THANKS!

This Lord's Day, let us give thanks to God for His faithfulness to us in providing to KCPC wise and biblical elders and deacons.

Thank you, dear and kind King Jesus for Elders Davis, Turner and Weitz, and Deacons Miller and Whitmore.

PRAY FOR YOUR OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Deacon's Offering: Carefully and prayerfully consider what you would like to give to help the needy. We will be taking up our monthly deacon's offering, on **Lord's Day, June 7th**.

The "Book of the Twelve" or the Minor Prophets Summer Sermon Series: Beginning next Lord's Day, **June 7th** in morning service we will start our new sermon series: *'The Book of the Twelve'* (or the **Minor Prophets**); in the evening services: *'The Pastoral Epistles'* (2 Timothy).

Locust Street Film Night for June: Friday evening, **June 19th at 7 pm**. The LSFN premiere of Isak Dinesens' classic *'Babette's Feast'* (One of the finest and more thoughtful films in the last two decades, with 11 wins and 8 nominations!!). Join us!

"What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?"

- 1 Corinthians 4:6

From Your Pastor

A Study of the Shorter Catechism

Question: What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

Answer: The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

Scripture memory: “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate...[Adam said]: The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.” – Gen. 3:6,12

An explanation: We should understand that there was nothing intrinsically evil in the fruit of the forbidden tree. What made the eating of the fruit evil was that **it was forbidden by God**. God forbade Adam and Eve from eating the fruit to try their obedience. God desired to test their obedience to His Sovereign Lordship as their King. Their eating was a great sin because it was a transgression of God’s specific and clear and holy Law (“*Sin is lawlessness,*” 1 Jo. 3:4). The sin was against a holy and perfectly just God, who had shown great kindness in His condescension to enter into a covenant with Adam (Hos. 6:7). “*By the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners*” (Rom. 5:19a). The sin was also against Adam himself, his soul, body, estate, upon his family, and his posterity. “*Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...*” (Rom. 5:12).

Thomas Vincent lists seven specific sins that were committed in this terrible act that brought mankind into depraved darkness: 1) **Rebellion** against God as their Sovereign King; 2) **Treason**, in conspiring with the devil, God’s enemy, against God; 3) **Ambition**, in aspiring to a higher state, to be as God; 4) **Luxury (Greed and Discontentment)**, in indulging to please the sense of taste, in inordinately desiring the fruit over fellowship with God; 5) **Ingratitude to God**, who had given them everything in the garden for their enjoyment; 6) **Unbelief**, in not believing God’s warning that if they disobeyed they would die; 7) **Murder**, in bringing death by this sin, upon themselves, and their posterity.

Let us soberly remind ourselves that ever sin we commit is no small matter; there are no “peccadilloes!” The smallest sin deserves God’s just wrath and eternal punishment. “*Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!*” (James 3:5, KJV). In breaking the Law of God through disobedience in these points, our first parents (and we in them! Psa. 51:5; Rom. 5:12-14) were guilty of breaking all of the Law: “*For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.*” – James 2:10. But God in His mercy, sent His Beloved Son to keep the Law in our place, and to die under the curse of it! “*For the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us, to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world; looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works*” (Tit. 2:11-14).

A Prayer: Lord God, and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, Please forgive me for my sins. Thank you that you are faithful and just to forgive me when I transgress your law (Jo 1:9). I deserve to die, and to be condemned under your just wrath, but you have provided Christ a Mediator for me, an Advocate, and He has died in my place as a holy propitiation (1 Jo. 2:2). Thank you, dearest and kindest King! Let me live faithfully and obediently to you according to your Holy Law (Rom. 8:3-4). In Jesus’ Holy Name, Amen.

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Biggs

“For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.”

- Romans 5:19

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Title: “He Gave Gifts” 
– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Theme of Sermon: The Church of Jesus Christ is blessed with gifts from the Risen-Ascended-Enthroned King at God’s right hand. Let us rejoice in these wonderful gifts and blessings God has provided for us at KCPC!

Scripture Lesson: Numbers 11:1-30

Scripture Text: Ephesians 4:4-16

Questions for Family Discussion/ Thoughtful Meditation:

- * **Read Ephesians 4:1-16.** How is Christ’s power displayed in the local church? Is grace given to all? How does the body work “properly”? (Does this imply the body can work “improperly”?).
- * **Children:** Read Ephesians 4:7-16. What gifts has been given to the Church? Who gave these gifts? How should we respond to these gifts and treat them?
- * **Read Psalm 68:19-35.** What is this about? Why is it quoted in Ephesians 4:8? How does this help us to understand the gifts of Jesus to His Church?
- * What is KCPC’s goal as a congregation? How do we get there? (Eph. 4:13-16).



Meditate On this for Worship this Week:

Meditate upon the building of the Tabernacle and Temple in the Old Covenant (and the rebuilding of the wall in Nehemiah), and how in the New Covenant in Christ, we are the Temple of God, and are called to a greater, more glorious building project (Heb. 3:1-6): There are three things needed: 1. **Common Resources:** The gifts of Christ, the grace of Christ. 2. **Common Project:** To build Christ’s church using our gifts. 3. **Common Goal:** To glorify Christ and to see the congregation grow in maturity.

“The church is the common mother of all the godly, which bears, nourishes, and brings up [to maturity] children to God, kings and peasants alike; and this is done through works of service [“work of ministry” ESV]. Those who neglect or despise this order choose to be wiser than Christ.”

– John Calvin, Commentaries, Ephesians 4:12

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.”

– ^{ESV} 1 Corinthians 12:4-6